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WITH THERMOCOUPLE FOR )  
MEASURING TISSUE TEMPERATURE )

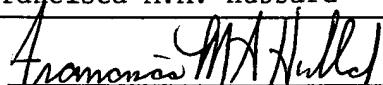
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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 8, 2003**

This is in response to the Office Action of December 8, 2003. As set forth in more detail in the remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the claimed subject matter is not anticipated or obvious in view of the cited references.